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County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2012 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 26 -2012

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT adopting *PlanHoward 2030* as the general plan for Howard County, Maryland, for the purpose of planning for land use and land conservation and multiyear development planning for transportation, public facilities, water, sewerage, parkland, housing, human services, and environmental protection; and generally relating to planning, zoning, and land use in Howard County, Maryland.

Introduced and read first time June 4, 2012. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on June 18, 2012.

Tabled July 2, 2012

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on July 26, 2012 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 31ST day of July, 2012 at 2:00 a.m./p.m.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive August 8, 2012

Jessica Feldman
for
Ben Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning has prepared
2 *PlanHoward 2030* as the general plan for Howard County following guidelines promulgated by
3 the Planning Board and adopted by the County Council in Council Resolution No. 117-2011; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, as required by Section 16.801(c) of the Howard County Code, *PlanHoward*
6 *2030* includes, without limitation, a plan for land use and land conservation and multiyear
7 development plans for transportation, public facilities, water, sewerage, parkland, housing,
8 human services, and environmental protection; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, *PlanHoward 2030* also complies with State law by addressing sensitive
11 areas, water resources, transportation, land development, land development regulations,
12 implementation strategies, and mineral resources; ~~by adopting the growth tiers authorized by the~~
13 ~~2012 Maryland General Assembly in Senate Bill 236; and by designating four place types called~~
14 ~~for by the State development plan, PlanMaryland; and and~~
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16 **WHEREAS**, *PlanHoward 2030* has deliberately delayed the adoption of growth tiers
17 authorized by 2012 Maryland General Assembly in Senate Bill 236 and the designation of place
18 types in the Rural West portion of the County called for by the State development plan,
19 *PlanMaryland*, until an examination, separate from the current General Plan process, can occur
20 in the Fall of 2012; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, *PlanHoward 2030* is an update to *General Plan 2000*; accordingly two
23 recently adopted amendments to the *General Plan 2000*, the Water Resource Element and the
24 Downtown Columbia Plan, will not be modified or replaced and are included in *PlanHoward*
25 *2030* by reference; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, the Planning Board held a hearing on the proposed *PlanHoward 2030* on
28 April 18, 2012 and issued its recommendations on May 24, 2012; and
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1 WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted *PlanHoward 2030* to the County
2 Council.

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4 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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6 ***Section 1. Be It Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that *PlanHoward*
7 *2030, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, is adopted as the General Plan for*
8 *Howard County.*

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10 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that the
11 *Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning may correct obvious errors, capitalization,*
12 *spelling, grammar, headings and similar matters and may publish PlanHoward 2030 by adding or*
13 *amending covers, title pages, a table of contents, and graphics to improve readability.*

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15 ***Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
16 *after passage of this Act, the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning shall amend maps*
17 *and Appendix A, the Policies and Implementing Actions Summary Matrix, in accordance with*
18 *amendments to this Act.*

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20 ***Section 3 4. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
21 *the adoption of growth tiers authorized by 2012 Maryland General Assembly in Senate Bill 236 and*
22 *the designation of place types in the Rural West portion of the County called for by the State*
23 *development plan, PlanMaryland shall occur separate from the current General Plan process on or*
24 *before December 31, 2012.*

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26 ***Section 3 4 5. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
27 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*